# REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# TWENTY-SECOND

# ANNIVERSARY MEETING

OF THE

# American Christian Missionary Society,

Held in Indianapolis, Ind., October 18, 19, and 20, 1870.

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# PROCEEDINGS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *Tuesday, Oct.* 18, 1870.

The American Christian Missionary Society met in Annual Convention, Tuesday, October 18, 1870, at 2 P. M., at the Christian Chapel, corner of Ohio and Delaware streets, in Indianapolis, Indiana—the President, R. M. Bishop, in the chair.

The meeting was opened by reading a portion of the 5th chapter of Matthew, by the President, singing the 1269th hymn, and prayer by Bro. Milligan.

The President then arose, and said:

I am gratified to see so many here this afternoon, and thank God for sparing our lives, and for permitting us to assemble in this convention. This meeting is somewhat different from any that has preceded it. The new plan of operations, known heretofore as the Louisville plan, has been agreed to by all the State and District conventions held during the past year. The provisions of the constitution, as adjusted to the new system of working, have been carried out as far as practicable, and, I am happy to say, we have no changes to suggest in the constitution as it now stands. The Board was instructed at the last convention, to correspond with all the States, and get them to unite on this common plan. They have done so, and the Corresponding Secretary has been very busy in getting the States to accept it. This has been done by those States embracing the great body of our people; and the most encouraging fact is that all have taken hold so cordially.

The report that will be made here is not so encouraging, in the amount of money realized, as we desired; but in the work of organization we have been more successful than could have been expected. In getting the machinery all to working, we have met many difficulties. Many held off for fear we would not succeed. Some States have but recently adopted the plan. Although there have been a few grumblers, we are glad they are so few. Not-

withstanding all this, we are getting our best men to take hold of the State and District work, and with their aid we hope to do a glorious work.

As said before, it will be necessary to begin our business in a different way, and some may be disappointed. The messengers who have been sent by State conventions, life members, and life directors of the old Society, are entitled to the privilege of voting on the business of the convention; and as our usual order is enrollment of delegates first, we now proceed to that business.

On motion of Dr. Hopson, the Chair appointed W. H. Hopson, D. R. Van Buskirk, and J. C. Reynolds, a Committee on Credentials of members of the convention. After having received the names of members present, the committee reported the following delegates:

NEW YORK.—J. C. Goodrich, A. S. Hale, delegates; W. T. Horner, life director.

OHIO.—R. R. Sloan, J. H. McCullough, J. F. Wright, A. Burns, S. E. Pearre, Wm. Dowling, J. F. Rowe, George Cott, L. Southmayd, delegates; Mollie B. Moore, J. O. Beardslee, R. Moffett, F. M. Green, G. F. Hilman, Mrs. G. F. Hilman, J. M. Lard, James Challen, Jacob Burnet, life members; T. D. Garvin, Mrs. R. M. Bishop, W. S. Dickinson, R. M. Bishop, W. T. Moore, Isaac Errett, life directors.

WEST VIRGINIA.—W. K. Pendleton, A. E. Myers, Albert Allen, delegates.

ILLINOIS.—J. W. Butler, A. S. Hayden, T. V. Berry, George Darsie. O. A. Burgess, J. C. Reynolds, N. S. Haynes, D. R. Van Buskirk, Chas. Roe, J. P. Mitchell, J. B. Crane, Z. Sweeny, Clark Braden, J. S. Sweeny, J. M. Streaten, delegates; T. J. Murdock, life director.

KENTUCKY.—H. Turner, D. W. Case, P. B. Wiles, B. F. Pullen, J. B. McGinn, W. R. Moore, W. L. Williams, D. Longinecker, R. Milligan, W. H. Hopson, W. C. Dawson, J. C. Keith, T. D. Butler, M. C. Ramsay, delegates; B. F. Rogers, Thomas Munnell, life members; W. H. Lape, life director.

MICHIGAN.—E. A. Lodge, L. R. Gault, H. H. Black.

INDIANA.—Perry Blankenship, E. Goodwin, B. Franklin, J. M. Mathes, W. R. Jewell, L. L. Carpenter, R. L. Howe, E. L. Frazier, B. B. Tyler, James Hadsell, Ira J. Chase, W. W. Cure,

R. T. Brown, B. K. Smith, J. L. Parsons, D. H. Gary, John P Thompson, Thomas Lockhart, Mrs. J. B New, Naomi Boaz, delegates; L. H. Jameson, W. J. Howe, C. F. Seamon, W. F. Black, O. P. Badger, J. B. New, George Campbell, Mrs. M. R Lemert, life members; C. G. Bartholomew, life director.

IOWA.—Wm. G. Sweeny.

MISSOURI.—A. B. Jones, H. H. Haley.

NEW ENGLAND.—Alanson Wilcox.

VIRGINIA.—Joseph Norris.

NEBRASKA.—B. M. Davenport.

PENNSYLVANIA.—N. J. Mitchell.

MINNESOTA.—J. W. Lowber.

[N. B.—The above one hundred and two persons from fourteen States—twenty-eight life members and directors, and seventy-four delegates—especially the delegates, were sent to vote the wishes of their churches; but there were about six hundred others present, who were all invited to participate in the "deliberations" of the convention, such participation being made a regular by-law of the convention. The delegate system of voting prevents a single locality from casting too many votes.—Cor. Sec.]

Bro. R. R. Sloan moved that all brethren and sisters be invited to take their seats as corresponding members, and to participate in the deliberations of the meetings.

Bro. Pendleton offered the following, which was accepted by Bro. Sloan, as a substitute for his resolution:

*Resolved*, That all members of the Church of Christ who may attend the annual meetings of the "General Convention," shall be entitled to participate in its deliberations; and this is hereby adopted as a by-law of the Convention.

The subject having been discussed by Brethren Dawson, Van Buskirk, New, Grigsby, Gilbert, Jones, Goodwin, Hopson, Blankenship, and Munnell, the resolution offered by Bro. Pendleton was adopted.

On motion, Brethren W. F. Black, W. C. Dawson, and Albert Allen, were appointed a Committee on Order of Business.

Adjourned, to meet at 7 o'clock for social worship.

### TUESDAY EVENING.

Convention assembled at 7 o'clock for social worship, the meet-

ing being led by Bro. R. R. Sloan. At 7½ a discourse was delivered, by Dr. W. H. Hopson, on the Gospel. At the close of the discourse, the Committee on Order of Business made report for the next day.

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WEDNESDAY, Oct. 19, 1870.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 8½ A. M. for social worship, which was conducted by A. S. Hayden. After singing and remarks by Bro. George Campbell, the time had arrived for the regular business of the Convention—9 A. M. The Minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and approved, after which business was resumed in the appointed order.

The Report of the Trustees of the Christian Hymn-Book, through W. H. Lape, was then presented—as follows:

REPORT OF THE HYMN-BOOK COMMITTEE.

BRETHREN.—We take pleasure in stating that the sales of the Hymn-Book have far exceeded our most sanguine expectations, averaging over 20,000 annually. The sales to date exceed over 100,000.

Since last Report, 1869, the Committee have received royalty from the publishers.....$977 97

The disbursements have been as follows:

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| Cash paid General Missionary Society | $425 00 |
| Cash appropriated for getting up new Hymn and Tune-Book | 552 97 |
| | $977 97 |

The Committee would further state that our contract with H. S. Bosworth for the publication of the Christian Hymn-Book having expired, we have contracted with Messrs. Bosworth, Chase & Hall, of Cincinnati, to continue its publication. In order to carry out the wishes of Bro. Campbell, we have decided to make considerable reduction in the prices of those styles of the Hymn-Book most in use, as named below. This has hitherto been impracticable, owing to the cost of stereotyping the several editions of the book. While the book will be lessoned in price, improved mechanical facilities will enable the publishers to produce books in superior bindings, and the whole "make-up" of the book will, we are confident, be equal to its acknowledged excellences in other respects.

PRICES:

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| Pearl, 48 mo. Sheep, reduced from | 60c. to 50c. |
| " " Arabesque, reduced from | 65c. to 60c. |
| Brevier, 24 mo. Sheep, " " | 90c. to 75c. |
| " " Ar. plain, " " | $1.10 to 1.00 |
| " " " gilt " " | 1.25 to 1.15 |

with a discount of 20 per cent. by the dozen, and liberal rates to the trade.

We also take pleasure in announcing, as has been the intention of the Trustees from the beginning, that we have had in progress for months past, and are now working at the Hymn and Tune-Book, in the compilation of which we have employed the best musical talent the country affords. This book we expect to have ready for sale at an early day, and are confident that it will meet the approval of our brotherhood. It will be published in the very best style, in convenient form and size, and sold at low rates, corresponding with those of the Hymn-Book, which will make it the cheapest book of the kind published in the United States. R. M. Bishop,

Chairman Board of Trustees.

Cincinnati, Oct. 18, 1870.

George Campbell moved that the report of the Trustees, and the whole Hymn-Book question, be referred to a committee to report before the adjournment or this meeting.

Remarks were made by R. M. Bishop, George Campbell, Isaac Errett, L. L. Pinkerton, Anderson, Burns, Sloan, Blankenship, and others.

W. R. Jewell moved, as an amendment, that this report be submitted to our next Annual Convention.

A. B. Jones moved to amend, so as to require the committee to make a partial report during this Convention, and, if thought necessary, to make a further report at the next annual meeting. This was agreed to, and the motion, as amended, adopted.

The following brethren were appointed as the committee: W. K. Pendleton, R. R. Sloan, B. F. Rogers, W. R. Jewell, and J. C. Reynolds.

Bro. Jewell moved a suspension of the rules, that a committee might be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the grief of the churches of Christ, occasioned by the death of Bro. A. D. Fillmore and other members of this Convention.

The following persons were named by the chairman as consti-

tuting this committee—viz: A. S. Hayden, E. Goodwin, B. Franklin, J. Challen, and A. Wilcox.

Bro. A. E. Myers moved that a committee of three be appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year. This committee was named to consist of L. L. Carpenter, A. E. Myers, and J. F. Wright.

The hymn was then sung, beginning:

"'Tis religion that can give,"

After which, the time for the sermon having arrived, Bro. J. C. Reynolds addressed the Convention on the obligation resting upon the Brotherhood to send the Gospel to all the nations of the world.

The following order of business was presented by the Committee on Order of Business, by its Chairman, after the sermon, and adopted:

AFTERNOON SESSION—FROM 2 TO 5.

1. Report of Board of Managers.
2. Report of Treasurer.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. From 4 to 5 o'clock, *Addresses*, limited to five minutes each, by the younger brethren.
5. Adjournment from 5 to 7.
6. Social Meeting from 7 to 7½, led by Bro. Jas. Challen.
7. Preaching by Bro. J. F. Rowe, at 7½ o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2 P. M. the Convention was called to order, and after the reading of the Scriptures and prayer, the Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Report of the Board of Managers was then read by the Corresponding Secretary, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE A. C. M. S.

DEAR BRETHREN:—In presenting to your acceptance the proceedings of the past missionary year, the Board would remind you that it has not been a year of money-raising, nor of evangelizing, but a year of organizing. This was the work committed to our hands at the last Convention. We were directed to "correspond with State organizations and with leading brethren in States that had no organizations, to induce them [illegible] to accept" the missionary

plan proposed. This instruction we have tried faithfully and industriously to carry out. We have found it no easy task; not that the churches have been slow to agree to the plan, for it has commanded a most remarkable unanimity in every State and District Convention assembled to consider it. Beside the incipient agreements made in a number of States a year ago, the plan has been reconsidered and reindorsed in larger and more enthusiastic Conventions during the current year. The States of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, and New York, have not only in their State Conventions fully and finally indorsed the proposed system of missions, but have secured efficient and thorough Secretaries for each State. A few of these have been at work most of the year, but most of them only a few months, while a few have just begun. The work of the State officers has consisted chiefly in assembling the churches, by their messengers, into District Conventions, to organize the districts. Thirty-six of these have been, more or less, perfectly organized, and a start made in some of them in sending money through the regular channels to the District, State, and General Treasuries. In most cases, however, the work has been so incipient, requiring so much time, labor, and patience, before any money could be realized, that no dividends could be sent to the State, and consequently none to the General Treasury. But as most of them are securing District Secretaries resolved upon success, we may hope for a growth in this direction the coming year.

Should any suppose the organization might have proceeded more rapidly, we reply that the organization of eleven States and thirty-six Districts, in a single year, is a work of which we are not ashamed. Much more, however, could have been done had the churches been willing to release from their engagements the ministers desired for the work, and had the ministry at home promptly seconded the efforts of the evangelists in the field. Many churches, and even experienced ministers, have stood off to see "if the plan would work," forgetting that we never promised to make it "work" without the co-operation of the churches and preachers. The plan is sure not to work unless you *work it*, and it is sincerely hoped that no one will feel at liberty to criticise what has been done, unless he has been co-operating with us to insure success.

After one year's experience in the field, applying our principles of co-operation to the severest tests, your Board is happy to unite with all the State and District Secretaries in bearing witness to

THE COMPLETENESS OF OUR SYSTEM.

1. We have not a single alteration to propose in the plan, and hope no effort will be made to change it in any respect. It stands the test of experience.

2. It dispenses with our many District, State, and general societies, and unites the Churches of Christ as one body in a unique and comprehensive missionary work. We have now but one financial system; but one set of financial agents—the missionaries themselves; all officers are elected by the churches, either directly or through their messengers: the churches, the District, State, and general Boards, are mutually dependent on each other; the success of the one is the success of all the rest: the work assigned to the Secretaries, respectively, harmonizes completely with the safety and efficiency of the plan.

3. It secures a general working system without involving a ruling system, or infringing in the least degree upon the independency of the churches in discipline or in the management of their individual interests.

We are happy, therefore, to come before the Convention this year so well satisfied with the practical character of our plan as to have no alterations to recommend, and hoping that little discussion over constitutions will be thought necessary during these sessions.

We have said that eleven States and thirty-six Districts of varying sizes have formally and fully adopted our plan, but, it must be remembered that, as no District has been in operation more than eight months, but few more than four months, while most of them have just begun, no remarkable financial results, therefore, should be expected. But few of the churches have yet been reached, and some of these, receiving no impulse from their own preachers and elders, have been slow to begin. Nor will it be possible to report large accessions to the Church till the District evangelists can get the churches into working order, and then devote themselves principally to the preaching of the Word. Then will these thirty-six District workers be so many missionaries. Then will no one speak of the *expense* of these Secretaries, for the *support of your missionaries* can not be counted among the *expenses* of the missions. Were you supporting financial agents that did not preach, it would be *expense proper*, but your missionaries will add the work of soliciting to that of the pulpit, and thus relieve you entirely of mere agents. Our expenses then will be reduced to that of printing, postage, and traveling, and the sooner the churches begin to contribute to their District Treasuries without being visited, the sooner will your expenses be reduced to these small amounts.

It will not be possible this year to put down the results of the labor done in each State, in tabular form, as we have had no uniform reports to the general Board. Had we uniform blanks for all the churches in all the States, these would unify all District reports; then the footings of these District reports would make uniform State reports, and the footings of State reports would realize a tabular

form of our general report, which could be set down in the space of a few lines. This more excellent way we hope to present to you next year, including not only the results of missionary enterprise, but much valuable statistical information so long sought for and so ardently desired by all the brethren. But as matters stand at present we are compelled to present this report in the multiforms of the of the different State reports as they come to our hands.

Although the States of Mississippi and Pennsylvania have not yet formally (though virtually) adopted this plan, and although Kentucky and Michigan were able to work only partially in this way during the last year, we are happy to present their reports with the rest, showing their sympathy with this effort to spread the Gospel of Christ.

The work of adjusting the Constitution of the A. C. M. Society, to the general plan committed to the Board at our last Annual Convention, has been carefully performed, and by the requirements of this adjustment we have been working during the past year, which adjusted Constitution will be read as a part of this report.

## THE JAMAICA MISSION

Has received no money the past year, except in the payment of arrearages due the native preachers on the year previous. This has not been neglected through indifference on the part of the Board, but chiefly for want of means. The Jamaica preachers have been doing all they could, all the year, to hold every inch of ground, but have suffered the loss of one church, Oxford, and a few individuals beside. They still report quarterly, having:

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| Churches and preaching stations..... | 16 | Lord's Days supplied..... | 446 |
| Native preachers..... ..... | 9 | Week day services..... | 420 |
| Membership..... | 84 | Pastoral visits..... | 414 |
| Pupils in schools..... | 288 | Subscriptions per annum..... | $240 |
| Teachers..... | 26 | | |

The proper support of this mission involves these things: 1st. The sending and the support of an evangelist from this country. 2d. The partial support of the native ministry; and, 3d, the repair of the Kingston premises. All this is more than the Board feel warranted to promise until our financial prospects should improve. The most we could contemplate at present would be the sending of an evangelist to look after the mission, who should try to raise the means in Kingston, from citizens and others, to repair the house, and rouse the churches to the best possible support of the native preachers.

We are happy now to present the initial steps taken and work done by the following States that have adopted the general scheme:

### MISSOURI.

The following letter from A. B. Jones, Corresponding Secretary, dated September 1, 1870, reports their success:

"Our State Convention is just over. All hearts rejoiced; all sanguine for the future. The following is a summary of our missionary work in Missouri, since I began organizing the State in January last:

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| Number of Districts organized | | 9 |
| Number of evangelists for the Districts | | 6 |
| Number of months employed | | 15¼ |
| Number of persons baptized | 382 | |
| Number of persons reclaimed | 23 | |
| Number of persons received from other churches | 38— | 443 |
| Number of churches organized | | 3 |
| Number of Sunday Schools established | | 4 |
| Amount of money pledged | | $6,315 45 |
| Amount of cash collected | | 1,724 90 |

"The most of this report comes from three Districts, of four counties each, and even these have not been half canvassed. In several instances, time was lost for want of District Secretaries. We mean work in Missouri. By the close of another year, we confidently expect a record of which we will not be ashamed."

### NEBRASKA.

The State report, through D. R. Dungan, Corresponding Secretary, furnishes the following facts, September 21:

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| Churches in the State | 35 | When all is collected, balance in Treasury will be | $69 46 |
| Churches represented in State Convention | 29 | Bro. Dungan labored, days | 192 |
| Aggregate membership in these | 1490 | Bro. Dungan preached sermons | 160 |
| Sunday Schools in good order. | 10 | Received additions | 36 |
| Average number of Scholars | 500 | R. C. Barrow, partly sustained by the General Board, preached sermons | 232 |
| Subscriptions during the year | $814 46 | | |
| Collected of these | 587 46 | Gained additions | 131 |

The State has cordially adopted the general plan. The brethren have full hope of success. Nearly all the churches in the State were represented in their late Convention.

### IOWA.

This State, in December last, was divided into four Districts. Meetings have been held in each, organizing the District work, but as the State Secretary, F. Walden, could not be released from other engagements, to take the field, it was impossible to secure men for the District, and so but little has been done, except by Bro. Con-

norans' six months' labor in the South-west District, establishing three new churches. Their beginning effort has resulted in:

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| Churches organized | 3 |
| Money collected | $400 00 |

Notwithstanding their small means, they make the regular dividends to the State and General Treasuries.

### ILLINOIS.

The annual report of the Board of this State, through J. C. Reynolds, Corresponding Secretary, shows the following facts:

1. The State was divided by the State Board into Districts.
2. Some work has been done in each.
3. Each District has divided its funds with the State Treasury, and this latter with the General Treasury. Though neither was in the regular proportions, the channels have been opened in the right direction.

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| Number of Districts organized | 6 |
| Number of District evangelists | 6 |
| Amount of cash collected | $1,222 58 |
| Number of additions | |

A specimen statistical report of twenty-six churches, shows the following results:

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| Number of members | 2871 |
| Number of additions | 407 |
| Value of church property | $69,800 |
| Paid for building, for home preaching, and missions | 23,242 |
| Sunday Schools in the twenty-six churches | 23 |
| Sunday School pupils | 1500 |
| Sunday School collections | $305 |

### PENNSYLVANIA.

The churches of this State are in full harmony with the present movement, and fully intended to formally adopt the plan at their August Convention, but unfavorable circumstances prevented as full a representation of the churches as was desirable, and it was thought best to postpone the resolution till the next meeting. But as they have been all year converging their lines to this point, their report is herein presented. Although they have only sixty or seventy churches the—

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| Money expended for missions was | $3,000 |
| Number of additions | 500 |

The Corresponding Secretary, James Darsie, writes: "We have abundant reason to thank God, and take courage. Wherever

an earnest effort has been made, the result has exceeded our most sanguine expectations."

### KENTUCKY

Has done well the past year, considering that the Board had to work alone, without the aid of a State Secretary. The Convention of Sept. 6 adopted the general plan. The Board at once districted the State, and Bro. H. Turner, Corresponding Secretary, is now earnestly engaged in organizing the districts.

The following table exhibits the labor done and money expended;

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| Number of evangelists | | 12 |
| Number of months engaged | | 50¾ |
| Number of additions | | 581 |
| Amount collected by evangelists on the field | $1,436 50 | |
| Treasurer reported | 3,057 61 | |
| Total cash receipts | | $4,494 11 |
| Disbursements | | 2,694 19 |
| Balance in treasury | | $1,799 92 |

Three of the nine districts into which the State is divided, are now organized and at work, with an earnest evangelist in each. A vigorous effort will be made to convert the world and develop the church.

### WEST VIRGINIA

Was organized last May. Bro. A. E. Myers was appointed to do the State work. He could not, however, be released from other engagements till August. Owing to the incipiency of the work, the State Board prefer to not "give any statistics, or any thing else in a definite way," yet the following statements may be of use to us as matters of information:

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| State divided into districts | 3 | Churches represented in district meetings | 30 |
| Number of churches in the State, about | 60 | Members in the State, about | 5,000 |

The three districts have been organized by Bro. Myers, who also visited many weak congregations, finding many of them not well organized, and some without a meeting-house of their own. All were pleased with our present effort at missions as soon as they understood it. They are arranging to have every member applied to, to support the cause.

### MISSISSIPPI,

Through Bro. B. F. Manire, State evangelist, reports their work performed since December last. At that time they divided the State into four districts, but could not secure regular preachers for

more than two of them at the time. Their missionary labors, however, were not confined to these. Others were secured for short periods, all of whose labors have been blessed.

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| Number of churches in the State, about | | 35 |
| Churches organized since December | | 4 |
| Additions gained " " | | 255 |
| Paid for the missions | $1,500 | |
| Money raised to support home preaching | 1,500 | |
| Total cash | | $3,000 |

Besides this, Bro. Ellett has just secured pledges to support another evangelist for the coming year. This work, of securing the services of all our worthy preachers all their time, is well begun in several States, and is one of no small moment. Bro. Manire writes: "Contrasting our present activity with our former apathy, I feel that we have great cause for devout thankfulness. The brethren throughout the State are waking up to the responsibility that is resting upon them."

### MICHIGAN.

This State has been practically, though not formally, at work on the general system for the last year, with State Board and evangelist. In their State Convention in Paw Paw, Sept. 23, they formally and unanimously adopted the uniform system.

The following State report, through Bro. Sias, Corresponding Secretary, shows they have not been idle:

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| Number of churches, about | | 50 |
| Paid into the treasury | $1,105 00 | |
| Labor pledged by preachers and paid for by their churches | 180 00 | |
| Balance in Treasury at the beginning of the year | 201 52 | |
| Total cash | | $1,486 52 |
| Pledges for home preaching in destitute places, raised by Cor. Sec. | | 456 00 |
| Whole number of additions by missionaries | | 152 |
| Whole number of additions in the State | | 1,000 |
| New Sunday Schools established by Corresponding Secretary | | 5 |

### OHIO.

The Annual Convention of this State in May last, adopted unanimously the proposed plan of missions, and since that time they have been, through Corresponding Secretary Bro. R. Moffet, arranging to work accordingly. The present is the report of their work for the year previous to that convention. During that year the Ohio churches contributed directly to the general treasury, but hereafter will give through the State treasury.

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| Days of missionary labor | | 1,933 |
| Discourses preached | | 1,901 |
| Baptisms | 657 | |
| Other accessions | 137 | |
| Total | | 794 |
| Churches assisted | | 70 |
| Churches organized | | 16 |
| New missionary points | | 16 |
| Treasurer's report for missions | $8,315 60 | |
| " " superannuated | 1,325 00 | |
| Total cash | | $9,640 00 |

INDIANA

Would have had an encouraging report had they been able to secure the services of a Secretary for the State work. But, failing in this most of the year, the following is what has been done without such aid: Bro. James McCullough has been secured for the State, and will begin his work at once.

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| Districts partly organized | 4 | Raised in the Districts | $1,129 48 |
| Balance in Treasury | $455 00 | Sent to General Treasury | 289 37 |

The few churches of

NEW ENGLAND

Send us the following encouraging report: "Weak churches have been assisted, tracts distributed, and new fields cultivated at a cost of $1,132. Twenty-five were added to the cause under these labors. The church in Worcester paid $840 of this money expended, besides contributing to the General Board $160. This field is white for the harvest. We are determined to push the missionary work along more vigorously than ever the coming year.

"ALANSON WILCOX."

KANSAS,

A former field of missionary labor by the General Board, shows her appreciation of this work by a "large attendance of preachers and messengers from the churches" in their late Convention. Like West Virginia, they make no formal report of results, except that the few months they have been at work they have secured

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| In pledges | $908 |
| Of this there was paid over | 534 |

Bro. J. F. Sloan, Corresponding Secretary, writes: "We are getting fairly started in the missionary work on the general plan. Our brethren in every part of the State are in favor of it, and to the extent of their ability will try to make it a glorious success in our new State."

NEW YORK.

This State, partly on account of the fewness of its churches and their good fortune in obtaining efficient men for the work at once, has been able to present a complete statistical report through the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. W. A. Belding, as the following table will show:

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| Number of churches | 25 | Paid for building, home preaching, etc | $32,433 53 |
| Number of members | 2,415 | Sunday School collections | $944 49 |
| Number of preachers | 25 | Paid for missions | $3,357 82 |
| Number of elders | 50 | Average per scholar | 55 |
| Number of additions | 356 | Average per member for all purposes | 15 00 |
| Value of church property | $98,019 | | |
| Sunday-School pupils | 1,709 | | |

Every church in the west district contributed. The Secretary of the north district made 536 family visits since December. A sister sent to Lyons, established a Sunday School of 200 pupils.

THE AGGREGATE RESULTS

of the year may be summed up as follows:

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| States organized | | 11 |
| Districts organized | | 36 |
| Evangelists, State and district, engaged for the coming year | | 37 |
| Moneys received into General Treasury | $ 4,529 91 | |
| Moneys received into State Treasuries | 32,164 17 | |
| Total cash receipts | | $36,694 08 |
| Whole number added to church | | 3,340 |
| Churches organized | | 27 |
| Sunday-Schools organized | | ..... |

OUR PROGRAMME

for the future embraces, as before intimated:

1. Uniform blank reports for the use of all the churches in the States, so that our district, State, and general reports, may each rise out of the one preceding, furnishing a tabular view of every item reported.

2. We propose to enlist all the Sunday Schools in monthly contributions for the missions, to be sent quarterly to their district treasuries.

3. Realizing that, as a people, we have never opened the way for the women of our churches to unite in any broad enterprise with us, we propose to invite their vast, though unemployed abilities to "labor with us in the Gospel," both as solicitors among themselves and as missionaries in suitable fields.

4. We propose, through our State and district missionaries, to induce the churches to support every worthy preacher of the Gos-

pel, and thus redeem from secular pursuits hundreds of faithful men who are now, in various ways, compelled to support their families outside of the ministry. But in accomplishing all this there are yet not a few

### DIFFICULTIES TO OVERCOME.

1. Many are still standing off to see if the plan will work. The inertia of this large class of negative good people is still to be overcome.

2. It is, strange to say, hard to enlist some of our elders and even preachers in the work of raising money in their own churches. They wait till the missionary spends time and money to visit their churches for their contributions. In all religious bodies that have raised much money, the home ministry do this work. Of all others, this is our most serious drawback.

3. We suggested to the Convention the importance of arranging for a more active and thorough advocacy of the missionary cause through the press. Not that we would arraign our editors for carelessness as to this work, for their columns have always been open to whatever we wished to publish in the shape of reports, announcements, etc.; but the time has come for a more positive and aggressive advocacy to break up indifference to the movement by laying its claims fully before all the churches.

4. The last difficulty we shall name is that of detaching efficient men from other engagements to assume the labors and responsibilities of the State and district work. Some undertake and fail for want of health, business tact, or courage. Others can not leave their present positions, while others prefer a different sort of life, for this is no parlor employment. These altogether, with the lack of prestige at this time in the action and the impatience of the people during the infancy of a great enterprise, are serious obstacles still in our way.

Notwithstanding all this, our confidence in final and complete success is fixed and unabated. The good providence of God that has helped us through all the embarrassments of twenty years past will not forsake us in the midst of those that are to come. We feel that the present enterprise is not a transient one. We are working for centuries. We ask the prayers and active co-operation of all who love God and the souls of men. And now, returning our thanks to Heaven for the mercies of the past, we submit this report of our labors to your acceptance and approval.

By order of the Board. THOMAS MUNNELL,
Corresponding Secretary.

P. S.—We have just been informed that the State Convention of Minnesota, Oct. 7, approved and adopted the general plan of mis-

sions, and appointed a Board and State Secretary, H. E. Garrett, of Mankato; and also that the State Convention of California expressed their readiness to do the same, but thought it best to postpone it another year, that all the churches of the State might consider it, and act together in their next annual meeting. They have, nevertheless, divided their State into three districts, and put an evangelist into each one. Although these are not among the stronger States, we are happy to hear their testimony added to all the rest in favor of a uniform system of Church co-operation to spread the Gospel of Christ. Thus we have twelve States committed to the work, and three more waiting for further consultation with the churches, that there may be not even the appearance of haste in so important a matter. T. M.

On motion of J. C. Reynolds, that part of the report which refers to Jamaica Mission was referred to a committee of three. The Chair appointed J. C. Reynolds, Isaac Errett, and J. O. Beardslee.

On motion of F. M. Green, that part of the report that refers to blanks for gathering statistics, etc., was referred to a committee of three. The Chair appointed F. M. Green, Joseph Norris, and R. Moffett.

On motion of Bro. J. S. Sweeney, so much of the report as refers to the advocacy of the missionary cause by the press, was referred to a committee of three. The Chair appointed J. S. Sweeney, B. Franklin, and A. B. Jones.

On motion of James Challen, that part of the report which relates to the co-operation of women, was referred to a committee of three. The Chair appointed James Challen, J. C. Goodrich, and W. L. Williams.

On motion, the motion to adopt the report of the Board, was laid on the table until the coming in of the reports of the above committees.

The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditor.

Bro. Challen, from the Committee on Sunday Schools, appointed at the last annual meeting, made the following report:

We should have a literature for our Sunday Schools, free from the "traditions of men," and adapted to the wants of our children. That such a literature is needed, requires no debate. Every one who has attempted to select a library for the Sunday School, or is acquainted with the character and staple of this class of literature, knows the difficulty of satisfying their own judgment and conscience in making proper selections, except upon a very limited scale. We

need something purer and better, and embracing a wider range of thought than we now have.

Some suppose the Sunday School paper is all we need. This will answer in the infancy of the school, and for a short period; but it is too light and ephemeral to meet the demands of the case. We can not dispense with the library. The paper deals with the "living present," and is laid aside as a pleasant toy. But books deal not only with the present, but with the past and the future. And as children are the hope of the world and of the church, they should enlist our choicest care, our selectest attention.

The library should present the truth of the Bible on all subjects on which it treats. It should be an auxiliary to aid in understanding the word and the works of God.

A portion of the library should be devoted to the elementary principles of the Christian religion, to Christian evidences, to church history, Christian missions, Bible dictionaries, debates, and approved commentaries of the Scriptures.

The Sunday School should be regarded as the most select and appropriate field of her home missions, in which all of her members should work. It should ever be remembered that the great end of instruction, in the Sunday School, should be to lead the children to Christ and to Heaven.

We deem it, then, as the appropriate work of our grand missionary co-operation of the churches, to found Sunday Schools at home and abroad, and to do all we can to widen their sphere of influence for good. The evangelist, who converts sinners and plants churches, can and should, also, establish Sunday Schools, and should not consider his work done until this is effected. We do not see the necessity for any special agency under the auspices of this Society in the interest of Sunday Schools, if the churches and evangelists do their duty in the premises.

Let the children all be taught to sing. They will settle the question of congregational singing in the churches. The power of association in music, as in everything else, is great, and can not be dispensed with. As children learn to sing in our common schools and academies, so they learn to sing in our Sunday Schools; and this necessitates a purer and better style of singing in the congregation. In proportion as the public taste is educated in this delightful part of worship, will be the demand for continued improvement in the churches of the saints. This is a subject that must not be ignored or overlooked.

JAMES CHALLEN,
Chairman of Committee.

A motion was made to adopt the report.

Remarks were made upon the motion by brethren A. B. Jones,

Thomas Munnell, James Challen, C. G. Bartholomew, and S. E. Pearre.

The motion to adopt the report was laid upon the table, the time fixed in the order of business for brief addresses having arrived.

Addresses were made by brethren J. L. Parsons, George Darsie, George W. Sweeney, W. R. Moore, and W. J. Loos.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Convention met at 7 P. M., and was led in social worship by Bro. James Challen.

Half-past seven having arrived, Bro. A. Wilcox offered prayer, and was followed by Bro. J. F. Rowe, of Ohio, in an address on our position as a Christian people before the world.

Dismissed by Bro. J. B. New.

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THURSDAY, Oct. 20, 1870.

The Convention met at 8½ o'clock for social worship, which was conducted by Bro. B. B. Tyler. At 9 o'clock the business of the Convention was resumed.

The Minutes of yesterday afternoon's session were read and approved.

The Committee on the Press made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the General Missionary Board as relates to the Press, beg leave to submit the following as their report:

While we would not in anywise offer a censure to the editors of our religious periodicals, yet we think it but just to say that there has not been that interest manifested, on their part, in behalf of this missionary movement of the Brotherhood which its importance demands.

While the columns of our periodicals have been, generally, open to the agents of the missionary work, yet it should be remembered that this is not bringing the influence of the Press, as such, to bear upon this subject.

And while our editors are so generally agreed on the proposed plan of operations, and on the importance of the work before us, we

believe that a more hearty and earnest advocacy of this cause would not only be more consistent with these convictions, but would aid greatly in arousing the churches to a more prompt, active, and liberal support of the missionary work.

J. S. SWEENEY,
B. FRANKLIN,
A. B. JONES,
} Committee.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following Board of officers for the ensuing year, which report was unanimously adopted:

Your committee appointed to nominate officers for this Convention for the coming year, beg leave to submit the following report:

PRESIDENT—R. M. Bishop.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—Isaac Errett, W. K. Pendleton, R. Milligan.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Thomas Munnell.

RECORDING SECRETARIES—Jacob Burnet, W. B. Ebbert, and F. M. Green.

TREASURER—W. S. Dickinson.

AUDITOR—B. W. Wasson.

BOARD—M. H. Slosson, R. M. Bishop, Isaac Errett, R. R. Sloan, W. H. Lape, W. H. Hopson, B. W. Wasson, O. A. Burgess, and W. S. Dickinson.

A. E. MYERS,
J. F. WRIGHT,
L. L. CARPENTER,
} Committee.

The committee on so much of the report of the Board as relates to the Jamaica Mission, made their report, which was adopted unanimously:

We, your committee, to whom was referred that part of the report of the Board relating to the Jamaica Mission, would respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, by former missionary labor we already have a foothold in that country; and whereas, we learn from the report of the Board, that unless further aid be given to that Mission we will lose much of what has already been accomplished, we would recommend the passage, by this convention, of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Board be requested to send a suitable laborer to Jamaica, to inquire into and to "set in order the things that are wanting;" and to do all that may be found necessary, *as soon as their* finances will permit.

J. C. REYNOLDS,
ISAAC ERRETT,
J. O. BEARDSLEE,
} Committee.

The Committee on Blanks and Statistics, by their chairman, made the following report:

Your Committee on Blanks and Statistics would report:

1. That to secure a system of uniform blanks for our missionary purposes, is most important.

2. That it is a *necessity* under the present plan of missionary operation.

3. That we are gratified to learn that proper blanks have already been arranged by the Corresponding Secretaries of the General and State conventions.

F. M. GREEN,
JOSEPH NORRIS,
R. MOFFETT,
} Committee.

Remarks upon the report were made by F. M. Green, Thomas Munnell, A. E. Myers, A. B. Jones, and A. Burns, and the report was then adopted.

The Committee on the Co-operation of Women in the Missionary Work, reported as follows:

The committee in regard to "Woman's work in Christian Missions," beg leave to report as follows:

We believe that she has much to do, and that she has always been ready to bear her part in sustaining the cause of Christ, whether in suffering or in doing.

It is certain that Paul would have the aged women to be "teachers of good things." Priscilla, the wife of Aquila, bore her part in "expounding" "the way of God more perfectly" to Apollos, "a man who was mighty in the Scriptures." We do not know but that a part of her mission *now* lies in this direction, among the "doctors"—those "knowing only the baptism of John."

2. They may become missionaries at home and abroad, and, like the Judsons and others, do and suffer much for Christ and His cause, in distributing tracts and Bibles; in conversation and in prayer; in the school and in the cottage, as well as in the church.

3. They may organize and sustain certain chosen fields of labor, on which they can bestow their offerings and prayers with the hope of success. The Woman's Board of Missions in certain denominations around us, have demonstrated this, and set a noble example to our sisters. At this time, one of these women's boards is supporting thirty-two missions in Asia, by their self-denying efforts and money.

4. They should endeavor to develop their *own* financial ability

and strength, without being so dependent upon the opposite sex. They should lay out their own plans of life, work for Christ, and for the perishing world around them; and by economy and thrift, by dispensing with "costly apparel," release themselves from the slavery of fashion, and increase their means and resources for good.

5. They should enter fully into the missionary movement we have now organized, as an integral part of the churches of Christ, and emulate their sisters in Gallilee, who "ministered of their substance" to the homeless Nazarene as He went about doing good; the Phebes and Dorcases of the Acts and the Epistles, who were servants of the churches, and who labored with the apostles in the Gospel of Christ.

We feel assured that there is an element of power here, almost unknown among us, and unemployed, which needs to be called out into active labor, not only in the Sunday School, but in still wider fields of Christian labor. If men rule the world, the women rule the men; and if both shall feel their own personal responsibility to Christ, the desert will blossom as the rose, and all flesh will see the salvation of God. "Lord *what* wilt thou have *me* to do?" should be the earnest prayer of every Christian heart.

JAMES CHALLEN,
Chairman of Committee.

Remarks were made upon the report by Thomas Munnell, J. B. New, George Campbell, James D. Smiley, John P. Thompson, and D. H. Gary, and the report was unanimously adopted.

On motion of J. M. Land, it was

*Resolved*, That the above report be published in the Christian Standard, Apostolic Times, American Christian Review, and other papers.

The Committee on Obituaries made the following report, which, after remarks by James Challen, George Campbell, W. R. Jewell, and J. B. New, was adopted by a rising vote:

Your Committee on Obituaries respectfully submit the following report:

WHEREAS, it has pleased our Heavenly Father, since our last anniversary, to remove from his earthly labors our beloved brother, A. D. Fillmore, a member of this body from its beginning, and a constant attendant and co-operant with us in our work; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we express our deep sense of the loss we have sustained in the demise of that truly estimable Christian man. Possessed of many amiable qualities of character, of genial manners,

and highly social in his nature, he won enduring friendships among a wide circle of acquaintances. Multitudes remember him in sweet sadness, and mingle their sorrows with ours, as they call to mind his labors of love among them.

He was a preacher of much usefulness, of a clear mind, ardent piety, and attractive and winning address. But it was in the department of music that he has won his lasting fame. He held a meritorious rank among the best musicians of the country. The author of some of the most popular of our tunes, he has left his impress on our psalmody; and by his numerous compilations of church music he has contributed greatly to the worship of God in our churches and at our firesides, in all the charms of sacred song. For all these labors, rare talents, and estimable personal and Christian qualities, he will be gratefully and kindly remembered throughout our whole Brotherhood.

In the private ways of life, and in the domestic circle, he greatly endeared himself to those with whom he was most intimate. With a high appreciation of his worth, and with tender sympathy with his sadly bereaved family, we record this testimonial to our own deceased brother.

A. S. HAYDEN,
Chairman of Committee.

The 1150th hymn was then sung to the tune Iowa, composed by Bro. Fillmore.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the Hymn-Book reported as follows:

Your committee respectfully report that after the consideration of the history of the case, the following facts should be submitted to the Convention:

That it was the purpose of Alexander Campbell, in transferring the copyright of the Hymn-Book, originally published by him, to "A Committee," by whom it should be held and managed:

1. To avoid the introduction into the public psalmody of the Christian Church a multiplicity of books, and to promote and insure unity among us in this important element of public worship.

2. To provide for the revision and enlargement of the Hymn-Book from time to time, to suit the demands of the Brotherhood and satisfy the tastes and desires of the Church.

3. To have the publication of the Hymn-Book managed, not with the view of making any money by it, but so as to reduce as far as practicable its cost, and thus protect the Brotherhood against excessive charges for this universal and necessary medium of a common psalmody. Unity in our psalmody, and cheapness in the cost to the Brotherhood, were the primary purposes in this transfer.

4. To appropriate any incidental profits which might arise in the management of the business to the most general interest of the Church, which he judged to be the A. C. M. Society.

5. In effecting this purpose, to protect the A. C. M. Society as far as practicable from the then strong and almost unanimous objection of the Brotherhood against its becoming in any sense a publication society, and therefore to convey it in trust to another and distinct management—to-wit: a committee of five, originally chosen with his concurrence, and afterward to be perpetuated by the appointment, not of the Society, but by the "Board of Managers," acting in this behalf, not under authority of the Society, nor as its agents, but under authority of the deed of conveyance, and in subservience alone to its conditions, your committee find that it was explicitly designed to protect the Society altogether from any charge of participation in the publication of the Hymn-Book, and to convey to it only such profits from its sale as might incidentally arise from its publication by the committee.

Your committee therefore report, that they do not judge it to be any part of the business of the Society or Convention to decide any question connected with the publication of the Hymn-Book; that it is the duty of the committee under the deed of grant by which they act—not to increase, but constantly to diminish as far as practicable the profits of the book to be paid over to the Society, and thus to reduce this indirect tax upon the psalmody of the Brotherhood to the *minimum* of safe and judicious management.

With respect to the question concerning the right of the committee to publish a "Hymn and Tune-Book," your committee report that they have not the means of access to the deed of trust under which the committee act, but that from the fact that the Society has been purposely and for special reasons separated from all connection with the management of this business, they are constrained to conclude that the decision of this question is in no way submitted to our judgment. Should your committee, however, be mistaken in this opinion, we beg leave to state that the proceedings of the Committee of Publication, in bringing out a Hymn and Tune-Book, have been authorized by the action of a previous Convention of this Society, by which they are explicitly advised to proceed in this work.

In conclusion, your committee deem it scarcely necessary to say that the Publication Committee have acted, in all respects, not only strictly within the limits of their granted powers, but with a large and noble generosity in the manner of executing the important trust committed to them, and that they deserve the grateful acknowledgments of the entire Brotherhood.

That in proceeding to bring out a Hymn and Tune-Book, they are but meeting a wide and urgent want of the congregations, and carrying out the publicly expressed wishes of a previous meeting of this Convention; that they have been in the fullest conference on this subject with the original Committee of Revision, to-wit: Bros. Errett, Pendleton, Moore, Hayden, and Allen, and have had their fullest concurrence and pledges of co-operation in all that they propose to do in this behalf.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. K. PENDLETON,
R. R. SLOAN,
B. F. ROGERS,
J. C. REYNOLDS,
W. R. JEWELL,
} Committee.

It was moved that the report of the committee be adopted. Remarks were made by A. B. Jones, T. D. Garvin, J. C. Goodrich, J. B. McGinn, W. H. Lape, A. Burns, P. M. Blankenship, H. H. Haley, James Challen, J. Burnet, George Campbell, O. A. Burgess.

Bro. Gary moved to amend the motion to adopt the report by referring it back to the committee, with instructions to report at the next annual meeting. The motion was carried, and the report so referred back to the committee.

On motion, brethren Burns, Lodge, and Burgess, were appointed a committee to select the place of the next Annual Meeting.

Adjourned, with the benediction by Bro. Goodwin.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

At two P. M. the meeting was called to order, and the President read the first Psalm, and prayer was made by T. D. Garvin. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion of Bro. A. B. Jones, the report of the Committee appointed at the last annual meeting, on Sunday Schools, was taken from the table for discussion.

Bro. Jones offered a resolution as a substitute for that report.

Remarks were made by brethren A. B. Jones, Elijah Goodwin, Thomas Munnell, J. B. New, P. M. Blankenship, D. H. Gary, James Challen, and W. K. Pendleton.

The resolution offered by Bro. Jones was withdrawn by him,

by consent of the Convention, and the report of the committee, with a slight alteration accepted by the committee, was adopted.

The report of the Board of Managers was then taken from the table and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the selection of the place of the next Annual Meeting reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the fixing the place of holding the next Annual Meeting of this Convention, report in favor of Cincinnati as the place, leaving it discretionary with the Board in regard to a Semi-Annual Convention as future developments may seem to indicate. Signed,

A. BURNS,
O. A. BURGESS,
E. A. LODGE,
} Committee.

On motion of F. M. Green, it was

*Resolved*, That, as a Convention, we tender to the brethren and sisters of Indianapolis our hearty thanks for the free and bountiful entertainment provided for us.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to J. R. Firman for his full reports of the proceedings of this Convention, and to the city papers for their courtesy in publishing its full proceedings.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be heartily tendered to the various railroads for their courtesies to us in granting free return passes to the members of the Convention.

On motion of Bro. W. C. Dawson, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are tendered to the Indianapolis *Sentinel* and the Indianapolis *Journal* for a large gratuitous supply of their issues, every morning during our session.

After desultory remarks on the subject of harmony and good feeling in the Convention, by brethren Van Buskirk, Munnell, Jameson, Campbell, Goodwin, Sweeney, and Burns, on motion of Bro. Sweeney, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are due to its President, for the *industrious*, patient, and impartial manner in which he has presided over our deliberations.

By consent, Bro. Martindale presented to the Convention, in a few remarks, the subject of temperance.

The time fixed in the order of business for short voluntary addresses having arrived, addresses were made by brethren J. P. Thompson, P. M. Blankenship, Dr. R. T. Brown, B. K. Smith, A. Wilcox, J. B. New, George Campbell, J. C. Goodrich, and James Challen.

At five o'clock adjourned, with singing, and benediction by Bro. B. K. Smith.

### THURSDAY EVENING.

At seven P. M. the Convention met for prayer and praise, after which the audience was addressed by N. A. Gilbert. After this Bro. J. O. Beardslee spoke in behalf of the Jamaica Mission, when a special contribution was taken up for the same. The Convention was then adjourned by benediction, commending us all to God for the toils and responsibilities of another year.

# RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

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| W. K. Pendleton, | $196 00 | Hazelwood, | 59 36 | D. Bella Haymaker, | 5 00 |
| Sister Scott, | 2 00 | Washington, D. C., S. S., | 70 | J. D. Johnson, | 25 00 |
| Desmoines City, | 7 50 | Sister Powers, | 5 00 | Nashville, Tennessee, S. S., | 7 60 |
| West Lebanon, Ind., | 1 00 | Edingburg, Ind., | 7 31 | Lima, Ohio, S. S., | 4 50 |
| Eliz. Davidson, | 5 00 | Columbus, Ind., | 10 02 | Charlottesville, Va., | 18 90 |
| Mrs. M. J. Helm, | 4 00 | Dorchester, Ill., | 3 00 | Geo. W. Elley, | 20 00 |
| H. B. Taylor, | 10 00 | Louisiana, Mo., S. S., | 3 50 | Mrs. B. R. Benton, | 20 00 |
| P. H. Cutter, | 2 50 | A. E. Foote, | 5 00 | Mary J. Helm, | 5 00 |
| Homer, Ill., | 3 00 | Wm. Tate, | 2 00 | J. A. Brooks, | 50 00 |
| Springfield, Mo., | 53 00 | Lima, Ohio, | 14 00 | Dayton, Ohio, | 25 00 |
| Wooster, Ohio, | 3 00 | Wellington, Ohio, | 5 00 | Kentucky, | 52 04 |
| L. S. Brown, | 5 00 | New Vienna, Ohio, | 3 65 | James McCollough, | 25 00 |
| R. H. Otter, | 5 00 | North Branch, Ohio, | 6 60 | Butler, Ohio, | 4 45 |
| Mrs. N. A. Otter, | 5 00 | W. E. Nelson, | 5 00 | Nashville, Tennessee, S. S., | 2 20 |
| DuQuoin, Ill., | 3 50 | Pond Run, Ohio, | 1 31 | Harlem, Ohio, | 3 00 |
| Davenport, Iowa, | 25 50 | Mrs. Josie M. Walk, | 25 00 | Chardon, Ohio, | 5 70 |
| Sullivan, Ind., | 15 50 | Belmont, Ohio, | 5 65 | Danville, Ind., | 19 50 |
| Dennis, Ohio, | 26 00 | East Bazetta, Ohio, | 3 00 | Wm. Polley, | 2 00 |
| Washington, D. C., S. S., | 1 15 | Adams' Mill, Ohio, | 60 | Bethlehem, Ky., | 24 40 |
| Vincennes, Ind., | 5 00 | Pleasant Valley, Ohio, | 2 00 | Smithfield, O., S. S., | 8 00 |
| Noblesville, Ind., | 14 00 | J. O. Beardslee, | 41 25 | Mattoon, Ill., | 5 60 |
| Eli Regal, | 20 00 | H. S. Buckner, | 10 00 | E. L. Frazier, | 4 00 |
| Susan Stevenson, | 5 00 | Meigs Creek, Ohio, | 2 10 | Alliance, S. S., | 2 25 |
| Macedonia, Ky., | 35 00 | Malta, Ohio, | 3 00 | D. J. Matthews, | 10 00 |
| Abingdon, Ill., | 1 50 | Antioch, Ohio, | 5 00 | Braddock's Fields, Penn., | 23 00 |
| W. H. Broaddus | 10 00 | Solon, Ohio, S. S., | 6 18 | Worcester, Mass., | 55 00 |
| Elizabeth Davidson | 1 00 | Deerfield, Ohio, | 3 45 | Washington, Penn., | 18 36 |
| Mrs. W. H. Sumon, | 45 00 | J. E. Myles, | 5 00 | Bethany, W. Va., | 100 00 |
| Mrs. Mary L. Hoy, | 10 00 | Stockport, Ohio, | 3 00 | Bethany, W. Va., | 21 00 |
| Columbus City, Mo., | 7 00 | Hartford, Ohio, | 2 65 | Elizabeth Graham, | 5 00 |
| New London, Mo., | 10 00 | Worcester, Mass., | 50 00 | Wheeling, W. Va., | 26 00 |
| Bedford, Ind., | 10 00 | Freedom, Ohio, | 4 30 | Albert Allen, | 10 00 |
| Walter Evans, | 25 00 | Mentor, Ohio, | 6 40 | Mrs. A. E. Allen, | 10 00 |
| "A Little Sister," | 1 00 | Amzi Atwater, | 5 00 | Akron, Ohio, | 21 00 |
| J. Laws, | 20 00 | New Somerset, Ohio, | 3 50 | George's Creek, | 7 00 |
| New Antioch, Ohio, | 34 00 | Canfield, Ohio, S. S., | 50 | Johnstown, Penn., | 10 00 |
| Wilmington, Ohio | 24 00 | Henry Tate, | 4 00 | Semi-Annual Meeting in Alleghany, Penn., | 172 12 |
| Uniopolis, Ohio, | 1 10 | E. S. Sutton, | 25 00 | J. B. Thomas, | 25 00 |
| Mt. Pleasant, Ind., | 5 00 | L. Southmayd, | 25 00 | Mrs. Gilmore, | 2 00 |
| North Eaton, Ohio, | 10 00 | A. G. Thomas, | 5 00 | Lock Haven, Penn., | 5 00 |
| Lick Creek, Ohio, | 2 45 | Hazelwood, Tenn., | 21 00 | H. A. Spangler and wife, | 5 00 |
| Washington, D. C., S. S., | 4 25 | Middletown, Ohio, | 2 00 | Mrs. Stevenson, | 5 00 |
| Wadsworth, Ohio, | 13 75 | Wooster, Ohio, | 5 00 | G. J. Gazzam, | 2 00 |
| Mary J. Williams, | 5 00 | Clarissa Wilder, | 5 00 | James Wood, | 20 00 |
| Bedford, Ohio, | 11 75 | Blachleysville, Ohio, | 2 00 | | |
| Ravenna, Ohio, | 10 37 | Coal Run, Ohio, | 1 00 | | |
| Wm. Skene, | 25 00 | Mrs. M. E. Allen, | 6 00 | | |
| A. D. Chockley, | 25 00 | J. W. Haymaker, | 25 00 | | |
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| S. B. Teagarden, | 5 00 |
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| Alleghany, Penn., by S. Shriver, | 50 00 |
| Princeton, Penn., | 6 90 |
| Newcastle, Penn., | 17 50 |
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| Woodsfield, Ohio, | 5 00 |
| Sullivan, Ohio, S. S., | 4 25 |
| Warren, Ohio, | 7 00 |
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| E. H. Bland, | 10 00 |
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| Mrs. Joel Balbe, | 5 00 |
| J. J. Parson, | 5 00 |
| Dr. Ehrman, | 5 00 |
| Mary L. Root, | 5 00 |
| Owingsville, Ky., | 22 00 |
| Wm. Polley, | 2 00 |
| Benj. Franklin, | 25 00 |
| D. T. Hawley, | 50 00 |
| Sister M. J. Helm, | 5 00 |
| Aurora, Ohio, | 4 50 |
| Henry Botts, | 5 00 |
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| J. H. Postlethwaite, | 10 00 |
| J. S. Goe, | 10 00 |
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## SUMMARY.

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| On hand at beginning of year | $13 32 | |
| Received during the year | $4,529 91 | |
| | | $4,543 23 |
| Paid for printing Minutes of year 1869. | $105 00 | |
| Paid to Jamaica Mission | 300 00 | |
| Paid on orders passed last year. | 708 85 | |
| Paid for R. R. Certificates and advertising | 6 00 | |
| Paid for book-keeping | 150 00 | |
| Paid in full to G. W. Abell, R. C. Barrow, D. R. Dungan, and Thomas Munnell, Corresponding Secretary, for labor in behalf of the General Society, including traveling expenses of the Corresponding Secretary | 3,434 10 | |
| | $4,703 95 | |
| One order issued this year not redeemed | 197 51 | |
| | | $4,506 44 |
| **Remaining on hand** | | $36 79 |

W. B. EBBERT, *Rec. Sec.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Balance on hand at beginning of year..... | $13 32 |
| Received during the year..... | 4,529 91 |
| | 4,543 23 |
| Paid out during year..... | 4,506 44 |
| On hand..... | $36 79 |

W. S. DICKINSON, Treasurer.

CINCINNATI, November 3, 1870.

I hereby certify to have examined the books and accounts of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer of the American Christian Missionary Society, as exhibited to me, and find them correct as above set forth.

B. W. WASSON,
Auditor.

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# CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be called the *General Christian Missionary Convention.*

ART. II. Its object shall be the spread of the Gospel in this and in other lands, according to the following plan of church co-operation:

SECTION 1. (*a*) There shall be a General Board and Corresponding Secretary.

(*b*) A Board and Corresponding Secretary for each State to co-operate with the General Board.

(*c*) District Boards in each State, and a Secretary in each district, whose duty it shall be to visit all the churches in his district in order to induce them to accept the missionary work as a part of their Christian duty.

SEC. 2. There shall be an annual convention in each district, the business of which shall be transacted by messengers appointed by the churches; an annual convention in each State, the business of which shall be conducted by messengers sent from the churches of the State, it being understood, however, that two or more churches, or all the churches of a district, may be represented by messengers mutually agreed upon; and an annual general convention, the business of which shall be conducted by messengers from the State conventions.

SEC. 3. The General Convention shall annually appoint nine brethren, who, together with the Corresponding Secretaries of the States and the Presidents of the State Boards, shall constitute a General Board, who shall meet annually to transact the general missionary business, and appoint a committee of five to superintend the work in the intervals between their annual meetings.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the General Board and Corresponding Secretary, to provide for and superintend missionary operations in destitute places not actually in State and district organizations, and to promote the harmonious co-operation of all the State and District Boards and conventions.

SEC. 5. There shall be also a State Board and Corresponding Secretary in each of the States, elected annually by the messengers sent to the State Convention, and it shall be the duty of said Boards and Secretaries to manage the missionary interests in their respective States in harmony with the system of general co-operation.

SEC. 6. Each State shall be divided into districts of suitable limits by the State Board; the messengers from the churches of

each district shall elect, at their Annual Conventions, a Board and a Secretary; and the business of each Secretary shall be to visit all the churches in his district, and, in co-operation with their own officers, induce them to contribute and send to the District Treasurer money for the support of missions.

SEC. 7. Each church, over and above the sums it may contribute for missionary work under its immediate control, shall give a pledge to pay annually to its District Treasurer a definite sum for other missionary work, and that one-half of such contributions may be under the control of the District Boards for missionary work in the districts, the other half to be sent to the State Board, to be divided equally between it and the General Board for their respective works; but this recommendation is not to be considered as precluding a different disposition of funds when the church contributing shall so decide.

SEC. 8. The churches shall send reports to the District Boards in time for the District Conventions; the districts shall send up reports to the State Boards in time for the State Conventions, and the State Boards shall send up reports to the General Board in time for the General Convention, so that a report of all our missionary operations may appear in the Minutes of the General Convention.

SEC. 9. Each State Convention shall be entitled to two delegates in the General Convention, and to one additional delegate for every five thousand Disciples in the State.

ART. III. The officers of this Convention shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and three Recording Secretaries, who shall be chosen annually, and shall continue in office till their successors are elected.

ART. IV. The Treasurer shall be required to give bonds for such an amount as the Committee of Five may determine.

ART. V. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The Committee of Five shall live in or near Cincinnati.

ART. VI. All Life Directors and Life Members of the A. C. M. Society, shall be members of this Convention.

ART. VII. The annual meetings of this Convention shall be held in Cincinnati on Thursday, at 2 P. M., after the third Lord's Day in October, or at such other time and place as shall have been designated at a previous meeting.

ART. VIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting of the Convention. But a year's notice of said change must be given, unless it is recommended by the Board.

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